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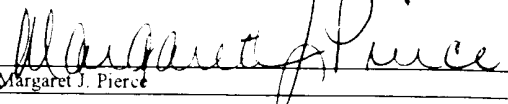
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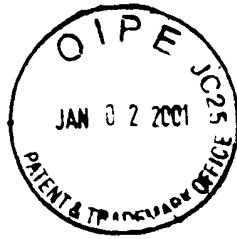
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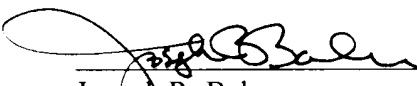
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5. Two (2) Foreign Patent documents;
6. Eight (8) Other Documents references; and
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